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Lower Sagileru Project.

* 42 *Q.*—Sri N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that only the excavation part of the Lower Sagileru Project has been sanctioned and not the entire scheme including the construction of a dam across the river Sagileru; and

(*b*) if so, for what reasons?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government sanctioned the execution of the earth work of the canal portion of the Lower Sagileru Project only, with a view to provide employment for the agriculturists and labourers affected by adverse seasonal conditions in Badvel taluk of Cuddapah district. The full project was not sanctioned as it required reinvestigation in several respects."

Sri N. SIVARAMI REDDI:—" Sir, what is the good of excavating a canal without sanctioning the construction of a dam across the river? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" I have already stated the reasons for sanctioning the execution of the earth work of the canal portion. The scheme has not been sanctioned as an irrigation project to be taken up."

Sri N. SIVARAMI REDDI:—" Are the Government aware that when His Excellency toured the Cuddapah district, he promised that the entire scheme would be taken up in order to solve the famine problem of the Cuddapah district? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" It is true that His Excellency toured the Cuddapah district and representations were made to him then that this project should be taken up. I may also tell the hon. Member that His Excellency wrote to the Planning Commission also for getting this included in the Basic Supplementary Plan."

Representations regarding distribution of yarn in the State.

* 43 *Q.*—Sri PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations made by the Madras Provincial Handloom Weavers' Congress and by certain members of the Madras Legislative Assembly in their memorandum, dated 8th May 1952, to the Chief Minister have been received by the Government requesting them to see that the total output of yarn in the country should be distributed in strict proportion to the estimated requirements of the various consumers of yarn including the composite and the weaving mills; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?